guidelines of the programme, over a 7 year project period. Overseas Development Administration (ODA), United Kingdom has shown interest in funding the District Primary Educaion Programme in five districts each in West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh.

Grant-in-aid to Universities

432. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant-in-aid provided by Government to the Universities of West Bengal so far during the year 1994-95; and

(b) the amount of graint-in-aid sanctioned for the Universities of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi during the aforesaid period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cut in Budgetary Allocation for Education

533. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new economic policies would result in cuts in budgetary allocation for education.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the existing levels of funding would be inadequate to achieve the targets;

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to improve the situation;

(e) whether it is also a fact that an annual growth rate of over 7 per cent in resources will be needed for achieving the objective of ensuring primray education by 2000 AD in most of the States; and

(f) if so, what action Government intends to take to achieve the objectives?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) The Government stands committed to the goal of Education for All by 2000 AD and achieving the same by gradually increasing the investment in education to six per cent of the National Income. Inspite of resource constraints and competing priorities, the Eighth Plan outlay on Education (i.e. Central and States' allocation) is 3.6 times the Seventh Plan outlay. In keeping with the priorities of National Policy on Education, the share of elementary and adult education in the total education budget has increased from 45.5 per cent in the Seventh Plan to 54.8 per cent in the Eighth Plan. A number of new initiatives have been taken by the Government to harmoniously harness all possible sources of funding Alongwith increasing adequate resources for education, the stress is now on cost effective utilization of the available resources and involvement of local communities.

Pension Fund for Sports persons

534. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a new Sports Pension Fund for meritorious sports persons including 126 Olympic medalists;

(b) if so, from which date that is going to be given effect to;

(c) whether provision for the same has been made in the budget; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) and (b)

Government have already launched the new Scheme titled, "Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons", under which pension will be given for life to Olympic Medalists (@ Rs. 2000 p.m.) and Gold Medalists of Asian Games (@ Rs. 1500 p.m.) from the age of 30 years.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Tannin-containing Products at Hiroshima Games

535. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tea or coffee provided for Athletes at Hiroshima Asiad Sports contained high quantum of tannin;

(b) whether tannin contained in tea or coffee is considered as stimulant which if found in the test of the Athletes is considered as a disqualification; and

(c) whether the Chief of Indian Contingent have lodged any complaint to the organizers, that such high tannin containing products should be withdrawn?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ((DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) and (b) Indian Olympic Association have informed that as per the list of International Olympic Committee banned drugs 1994, there is no mention of the drug by the name of "tannin". Further no Medical Centre established by the Hiroshima Asian Games Organizing Committee complained about the tea/coffee containing any major or minor or bye-product of any drug.

(c) No, Sir.

JAC Bulletin of KVC Employees Association

536. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report regarding alleged irregularities of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan as detailed in the maiden issue of JAC BULLETIN published in October 1994; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyala Sangathan has intimated that it has not authorised publication of any journal called "JAC BULLETIN" by any recognised employee's Association.

Reservation for teachers in KVS

537. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 363 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th August, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the percentage of reservation beyond the stipulated 50 per cent in recruitment of teachers for Kendriya Vidyalayas has since been annulled; and

(b) if so, the details and results thereof and if not the reasons and justification therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that it follows the instructions issued by the Deparment of Personnel and Training regarding the reservation for OBCs, SCs/STs, Physically Handicapped, Ex-servicemen etc. For [illegible]